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SUBJECT: SANITATION PROBLEM AT MEXICALI.

REF: STATE A-9196 OF DECEMBER 16, 1974 (REC'D 1/2/75).

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN REPAIR, EMBOFF DELIVERED SLIGHTLY EDITED VERSION OF DRAFT DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO ING. LUIS CABRERA, FONSEC DIRGEN FOR INTERNATIONAL WATERS AND BOUNDARIES. EMBOFF TOOK PAINS TO ASSURE CABRERA THAT USG WAS AWARE OF EFFORTS ALREADY MADE BY MEXICANS TO CONTROL SEWAGE FLOWING INTO NEW RIVER CHANNEL FROM MEXICALI. HE STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT CITY'S POPULATION SEEMED TO BE GROWING FASTER THAN THE GOVERNMENTAL EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH SEWAGE PROBLEM, AND RESULT WAS RISING LEVEL OF COMPLAINTS FROM RESIDENTS AND TOURISTS ON US SIDE OF THE BORDER.
 2. CABRERA SAID HE WAS AWARE OF PROBLEM AND SAID THAT IT RESULTED NOT SO MUCH FROM MEXICALI ITSELF BUT FROM UNPLANNED COMMUNITIES THAT HAD GROWN UP OVERNIGHT BETWEEN MEXICALI AND THE BORDER. NEVERTHELESS, CABRERA SAID HIS INFORMATION WAS THAT WATER NOW REACHING NEW RIVER WAS 80 PERCENT FREE OF SEWAGE (COMPARED TO 50 PERCENT ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES).
 3. CABRERA SAID THAT HE APPRECIATED RECEIVING OUR NOTE,
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- SINCE IT WOULD ENABLE HIM TO BRING MORE PRESSURE TO

BEAR ON THE SECRETARIAT OF HYDRAULIC RESOURCES TO PROCEED
MORE RAPIDLY WITH CURRENT SANITATION PROJECTS. HE
OBSERVED THAT BASIC SITUATION WAS NOT ONE WHICH COULD BE
RECTIFIED OVERNIGHT, BUT HE HOPED TO GIVE US AN ANSWER
BEFORE LONG WHICH WOULD DEFINE NATURE OF PROBLEM AND
PROSPECTS FOR SOLVING IT FROM MEXICO'S VIEWPOINT.

4. COPY OF EMBASSY'S NOTE BEING POUCHED ARA/MEX.
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